

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

RICHARD E. DAVIS,	:	
Petitioner	:	
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v.	:	File No. 1:07-CV-129
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ROBERT HOFMANN, Commissioner,	:	
Vermont Department of Corrections,	:	
CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF	:	
AMERICA, FRED FIGUEROA, Warden,	:	
VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF	:	
CORRECTIONS,	:	
Respondents	:	

ORDER

The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation was filed March 26, 2008. (Paper 12). After de novo review and absent objection, the Report and Recommendation is AFFIRMED, APPROVED and ADOPTED. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Respondents' motion to dismiss (Paper 9) is GRANTED. Petitioner's motion for summary judgment (Paper 8) is DENIED. Petitioner's habeas petition filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Paper 1) is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice for failure to exhaust state court remedies.

Pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 22(b), the Court DENIES petitioner a certificate of appealability ("COA") because the petitioner failed to make a substantial showing of a denial of a constitutional right. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). In addition, because the petition has been dismissed on procedural grounds, the petitioner cannot be issued a COA due to his failure to demonstrate that "jurists of reason

would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right and that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural ruling." See Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1604, 146 L. Ed. 2d 542 (2000).

It is further certified that any appeal taken in forma pauperis from this Order would not be taken in good faith because such an appeal would be frivolous. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Brattleboro, in the District of Vermont, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2008.

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/s/ J. Garvan Murtha

J. Garvan Murtha  
United States District Judge